**Annual general parish meeting - February 2022**

2021 was again a very challenging year for The YMLT as it was for everyone, but nonetheless we tried not to let it stop us.

The Confirmation programme was moved to Zoom meetings, which has its own challenges, but we met regularly and the Confirmations were able to go ahead with Bishop Paul very kindly attending all 4 Confirmation Services with restrictions in place.

This years Confirmation programme is now under way with a new team and new programme, which again has its challenges, but the meetings are face to face which is much more desirable.

During the year the YMLT have continued to meet regularly, with a new member Caitlin Scott, to look at plans for the youth in the parishes.

The long term plan is to introduce

* regular meetings for those post-communion in primary school years 4 – 6.
* To have monthly meetings for those in Secondary school years 7-13
* To set up Quarterly zoom meetings with our young people who have gone off to University
* To help empower our young adults to become leaders and help with the younger children and Confirmation
* To encourage our young people to get involved in the different ministries in Church.

In order for this to happen

* we need to ensure we are working within the parish mission/vision, so discussions are on going.
* We need to find volunteers and process DBS applications for them this is again ongoing
* We need to identify young people from our Confirmation programme and invite them to join us.

We have also been able to meet with about 10 of our young people who had been involved previously with Youth Alpha and/or our youth group and we used the Synodal Pathway to get their feedback. This has been very valuable in helping us to find the direction of the youth work.

These meetings are planned and will continue on a monthly basis for the coming 5 months.

We are also trying to set up a meeting With The community worker from the Baptist church in Mill End to see if there is anything we can perhaps do together, or any assistance or help they can give us.